2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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1. Finland is strongly committed to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, to the pursuit of global nuclear disarmament and to general and complete disarmament under effective international control. Finland regards the Treaty and associated regime on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as the key element to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

2. Finland considers the **Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty** (CTBT) essential to contain the proliferation of nuclear arms in all its aspects. Finland signed the Treaty on the first day it was opened for signature and completed the ratification process in 1999. A Primary Seismological Station and a radionuclide laboratory are located in the Finnish territory as part of the International Monitoring System.

3. Finland is fully committed to the obligations of the CTBT and makes every effort to promote its entry into force at the earliest possible date. Finland served as President of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT that was convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 3-5 September 2003 in Vienna. After the Conference, Finland was appointed coordinator to promote cooperation, through informal consultations with all interested countries, aimed at promoting further signatures and ratifications of the Treaty.

4. Finland also attaches great importance to assisting countries in their endeavours to build capacity that is needed to implement the obligations under the CTBT. For this purpose, we actively support the Provisional Secretariat in its training activities. Inter alia, representatives of signatory states have been trained in Finland to work as National Data Center operators.

5. Finland is a member of the **Conference on Disarmament** (CD) since 1996. Finland held the Presidency of the Conference in 2002 (March-May) and tried in that capacity to initiate the work of the CD by proposing (CD/1670) the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee, Working Groups and the schedule of activities. Finland calls for the immediate commencement of negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT), without preconditions.

6. The international **safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency** (IAEA) is a fundamental pillar of the nuclear non-proliferation regime. Finland considers that the Comprehensive

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Safeguards Agreement, together with the Additional Protocol, represents the verification standard pursuant to Article III.1 of the Treaty. Finland calls upon all states that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Additional Protocol without delay.

7. Finland has concluded a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA and has signed and ratified the Additional Protocol. The Additional Protocol entered into force for Finland on 30 April 2004 when the IAEA received written notification from the EU States and EURATOM that their respective requirements for entry into force had been met.

8. Finland is developing its national safeguards system further so as to enable effective implementation of IAEA strengthened safeguards in Finland. In addition, Finland continues to support the IAEA research and development programme for nuclear verification and materials security.

9. Finland continues to contribute to the strengthening of the non-proliferation regime by conducting well-established **safeguards support programmes** as part of Finland's bilateral assistance to third countries. The objective of the safeguards co-operation is to assist these countries in developing and maintaining national systems for accounting and control of nuclear materials and other radioactive materials, and for export controls and border controls. These support programmes are coordinated with the IAEA programmes for safeguards and security of material.

10. Finland is a member of all relevant **export control regimes**, such as the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Zangger Committee, and supports strengthening of their guidelines and understandings respectively. Finland welcomes and supports UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) and has submitted its national report under that resolution by the requested time.

11. Finland will do her utmost to achieve a substantial outcome in the **2005 Review Conference**. As a contribution to the preparations for the 2005 Review Conference, Finland organised a seminar with the WMD Commission (Blix Commission) in Helsinki on 7 April 2005, and another seminar in New York on 9 May 2005.

12. Finland **reaffirms her commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons** in all its aspects and the ultimate goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons. The universalisation of the Treaty and full compliance with the Treaty's provisions are of utmost importance.